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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Arguments***

The applicant argues that the recitation at issue as regards prior art Hsu does not expressly or implicitly teach the recitations in rejected claim 1. Accordingly, the following rejection under Hsu is clarified to show that Hsu teaches a method of soft handoff with respect to the claim language for broadcast/multicast service data.

The amendment of claims 2 and 3 filed 14 January 2008 resolve the 35 USC 112 2nd paragraph rejection issues.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Hsu et al. (US 2003/0054807).

As to claim 1, Hsu teaches a method for controlling a Mobile Station (MS) to receive Broadcast/ Multicast Service (BCMCS) data in a mobile communication system including at least one BCMCS controllers and the MS for receiving the BCMCS data through a base station comprising the steps of:

Receiving from a new BS, a new BCMCS zone ID that is different from a pre-stored old BCMCS zone ID while receiving old BCMCS data from an old BS (figure 13,

paragraphs 0089-0092, the mobile station monitors the BCMCS data during cell switching which suggests a soft handoff: the mobile station receives data over the F-PDCH data channel from the current base station *while monitoring* the F-PDCCH data control channel of the next base station for information such as the bcmcs id, the base station mac ID and a unique bsr id which specifies where to find and listen to a given BCMCS at the adjacent sector or base station to determine whether or not to initiate a soft handoff; Paragraphs 0088 and 0093-0095, a synchronization scheme and a cyclic repetition scheme are taught to ensure the mobile station is able to continue receiving the BCMCS data frames from the new sector without interruption, which is soft handoff in a CDMA 2000 system).

Requesting new BCMCS data to the new BS (figure 13, paragraphs 0089 and 0090, the mobile station on the BCMCS monitors the F-PDCCH control channel of the second base station for the best sector),

Establishing a channel with the new BS (paragraph 0092, the mobile monitors the F-PDCH data channel of the second base station for the BCMCS data in soft handoff),

Receiving a BCMCS information from the new BS (paragraphs 0089-0092, the mobile station receives the BCMCS information via the F-PDCCH from the second station).

Receiving the new BCMCS data from the new BS using the BCMCS information (paragraph 0092, the mobile station selects and receives the BCMCS data from the second base station over the F-PDCH data channel).

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 2 and 3 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As to claim 2, the prior art made of record teaches the discovery and exchanging control signals with the target base station but does not teach transmitting a registration message to the new BS for being provided the BCMCS data by using a new BCMCS controller.

As to claim 3, the prior art made of record does not teach the step of establishing a predetermined path with the PDSN connected to the new BCMCS controller.

Claims 4-13 are allowed. As to claims 4 and 7, the prior art made of record teaches a method for soft handoff in a CDMA system transporting Broadcast/Multicast Service data but does not teach the method determining, by the new BCMCS controller, whether new BCMCS associate information is equal to old BCMCS associate information and receiving the determination result from the new BCMCS controller.

As to claim 11, the prior art made of record teaches an apparatus for soft handoff in a CDMA system transporting Broadcast/ Multicast Service data but does not teach the apparatus comprising at least two BCMCS controllers that are connected to at least one PDSN which transmits packet data service data to the at least one BS for transmitting BCMCS association information for the BCMCS data requested by the MS to the MS over the connected PDSN and containing the BCMCS zone ids.

### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon but considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure includes Suzuki (US 6,574,475), Dorenbosch (US 6,198,406), Hsu et al. (US 2003/0134622) and Hsu et al. (US 2003/0145064).

**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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